Park Pages

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Letter from the Minister

Dear Friends.

As I write, the first of the televised Presidential Debates held in the United States is about to take place. As Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump appear on TV before millions of voters, it is still uncertain which of the candidates will actually win in the November election. Despite Clinton's questionable actions and associations in the past, and Trump's outrageous and often outlandish views expressed in the present, the ordinary voters in the United States appear to be bemused as to the best potential president. Some commentators question whether EITHER of them are worthy of the prestige and power of the Executive Office and suggest that voter turnout will be an all-time low. We shall soon find out!

Autumn 2016



Leadership of one of the most powerful countries in the world is a

concern not just for the immediate voter. All of us will, directly and indirectly, be impacted by whoever is elected. The *knock-on* effect will spread far beyond the shores of the United States. However, if leadership is important in the world sense and its impact is felt by many who live outwith its direct domain, we should not ignore the fact that Church Leadership also has great consequences and many, outside of the Church, will be impacted by its influence.

The Apostle Paul, writing to young Timothy to give him instructions about leadership within the Church, makes it clear that anyone who

"aspires to be an overseer desires a noble task." 1 Timothy 3 v 1

In the same way that an overseer of a group of slaves was given delegated power and authority by the slave owner to look after his "assets", so someone leading a church has a position of great responsibility and authority. That is why Paul goes on to outline a number of preconditions for leadership.

- He must be well thought of, "above reproach" v2 and "...have a good reputation with outsiders.." v7
- Be a responsible person in work and family for as Paul says, "if someone is unable to handle his own affairs, how can he take care of God's Church?" v 4
- He must be spiritually mature and not easily stirred up to anger or contentiousness or lust after power or money, "self-controlled and temperate...not quarrelsome or a lover of money." v 2b, 3
- He should be a mature Christian and be able to articulate the faith for, "..if he is a recent convert he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil." v 6
- He must be able to communicate the faith, " ..able to teach" v 2b "..whose work is preaching and teaching." 1 Timothy 5 v 17

Such qualifications are the basic requirements for someone to be a leader within a congregation or within the wider church as a whole. Others—referred to as Deacons in the New Testament—also have great responsibility to model a Christlikeness in their character as they support the leaders in the maintenance and functioning of a fellowship. Such folks, "..who have served well, gain an excellent standing and assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus." v 13

All the above does **NOT MEAN** that leaders do not fail or falter in what they are called to be and do. But the New Testament sets high standards precisely because, despite human failings, God's calling and gifting is so vital and effective. In the various lists of gifts and ministries that the New Testament has, it is clear that these God-given gifts and ministries are to be exercised by those who have already fulfilled the basic requirements of maturity and stability. When this was not the case, as in Corinth, all sorts of problems emerged. However, when it is the case, then

"...the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord...we will grow to become in every respect, the mature body of Him who is the head, that is Christ." **Ephesians 2v 21, 4 v 15**

We rightly are concerned about who will be elected President of the United States of America. We should also be concerned about those who lead the Church of Jesus Christ—in our world, nation and local community. As we are exhorted by Paul to offer

"...petitions, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving to be made for all people—for all those in authority that we might live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." 1 Timothy 2 v 1, 2

So we are also encouraged to

"...remember your leaders who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith." **Hebrews 13 v 7**

Paul, perhaps one of the greatest leaders of the Church, constantly urged those he was writing to, to

"Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given to me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel." **Ephesians 6 v 19**

While Hillary and Donald fight it out in the media frenzy and circus that is American politics, Church leaders and those who aspire to be leaders seek quietly, faithfully and powerfully to be true to the way and example of Jesus Christ, the chief shepherd of the flock.

In your own prayers, please do remember those who lead our own fellowship and our wider denomination at this time. Leaders can only lead people on as far as they themselves have journeyed. Faced with the real spiritual battles and challenges of the contemporary church scene in Scotland, we need leaders who have journeyed far with Jesus and then can, fearlessly and confidently, lead God's people onwards.

Whoever may be in the White House in Washington after November's election, our Commander in Chief is Jesus Christ, King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Before Him, all, especially those who lead in any area of life, must give an account. Would that all of us, leaders and led, be able to echo Paul's moving words as he approached the end of his earthly journey:

"The time for my departure is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing." 2 Timothy 4 v 8

With a thoughtful heart,

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'Tis the season for Inductions and Ordinations...

Nathan Owens

Nathan's **Induction** to the charge of Maxwell Church in Kilmaurs took place on Tuesday 16 August 2016. It is for a three year tenure and is part of the **Reshaping for Mission** program which the UF Church is heavily investing in. Ministers will spend part of their time in leading services and preaching along with pastoral care. The remainder of their time will be spent seeking to develop links with the community and helping the people in the congregation engage more with those living around them. Although the congregation is small at present with only about 20 regular attenders on a Sunday morning Nathan's ministry has already attracted a few new people. There was a good spirit at both the service and the social afterwards. When asked for his Vision for his church Nathan replied, "We want to reach the de-churched, the un-churched and the never-churched in East Ayrshire; to do this we seek to reshape the church family's culture and mindset into a mission-minded, disciple-making-focused church who will love God and love their neighbours."



Martin Paterson

Martin's **Ordination** took place at Paterson: Stonehouse United Free Church of Scotland on Wednesday 31 August 2016. Our own minister, Bruce McDowall, presided in his capacity as Moderator of the Presbytery of the West and Rev Eric Worton preached. It was a very uplifting service with rousing singing and a very clear message. Rev Worton preached on the Five P's that both clergy and congregation are called to be. These are to be Prayerful, Patient, Positive, Present and Pastoral. He reminded us that everyone can pray and this is a vital part of the church life. The pastor can pray for his congregation but equally the congregation should be praying for its pastor. From Ecclesiastes Chapter 3 he reminded us that we must be patient and not to be trying to hurry God along. "there is a time and place for everything". Also he reminded us all too often as Christians we can be pessimistic and this does not encourage or attract others to the church. As the old hymn goes we should "count our blessings, name them one by



one...and it will surprise us what the Lord has done". If we are going to hear God's word and learn from it we need to be present and encourage one another. And finally he reminded us of the need to be pastoral and care for one another. The congregation then enjoyed a magnificent spread of home baking in the church hall and a time of fellowship with those from other congregations.

David Miller

David's **Ordination** took place at Millerston UF Church on Tuesday 6 September 2016 when over 100 people attended this joyous occasion. As at Martin's our own minister presided and Rev Archie Ford preached. The scripture reading and subsequent message was based on Ephesians 4. Rev Ford exhorted both preacher and congregation alike to live a life worthy of the calling we have been given, to act with humility and gentleness, to show patience and love towards one another. The first hymn we had sung "Oh to see the dawn" reminded us to focus on the cross and this would keep us on the right path. He guided us towards v 11 where it says some are called to be pastors and teachers and David certainly fills these two descriptions very well. He has a pastor's heart for the flock God has given him to tend and he certainly has great talent as a teacher. Again a lovely spread of food was laid out in the hall and we enjoyed a time of fellowship with friends.



These three men have had a close association with us here at Park over the years and we wish each of them every blessing in their new ministries.

Holiday Club

Our annual Holiday Club was held at the end of June this year and was led by our Children and Families' Worker. Karen shares the adventures and fun of Expedition Force with us below.

At the end of June this year we held our Holiday Club. The Church was transformed into 'base camp' for our **Expedition Force** theme with mountains looming before us and a climber suspended between the balconies! The props and decorations were fantastic, including our very own Trig Point for the summit of Ben X. This set the scene for the much loved drama which followed four climbers on their expedition to the top of Ben X. They uncovered secret messages on the way up until finally at the summit they understood these messages were about Jesus and his life changing love.





We met with 29 children throughout the week for lots of fun, Bible stories, messy challenges, games and crafts. Our Bible stories followed the account in Matthew's gospel of the final week of Jesus' life, beginning with the triumphal entry and ending with the resurrection. We also had an opportunity to include a testimony from one of the team on the finally night about why Jesus' Death and Resurrection are important to him. There was a Prayer Tent available throughout the week too with a variety of activities for the children to take part in if they wanted to.

Our week long expedition concluded with a Family Fun night with games and challenges for all ages, hot dogs and yummy cakes and the final instalment of the drama. The team were so encouraged to have shared this evening with around 50 people made up of the children and their families.

For me personally the highlight of the week was looking around the hall on the Friday night seeing the team, the children and their families sharing a meal together. The atmosphere was warm and friendly - perfect for a 'family night'. I was also so encouraged to see members of the congregation pop along towards the end; not only was this a boost for me at the end of an exhausting week to know the support of a loving congregation, but it amazing to see God orchestrate conversations with just the right people at just the right moment.



"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." **Ephesians 3v20-21**

Over the summer the children in **Park Kids** watched an animated DVD series which followed the stories of fictional characters living in Alexandria in the years that followed the resurrection. Throughout the story line, the characters would reflect back on Bible stories to find help and guidance in the situation they faced. As well as the DVD clip each week the children were treated to a whole host of crafts, games and activities provided by a great group of volunteers from the congregation who stepped in to allow the regular leaders a much appreciated break over the summer months. Making mini catapults for the story of David and Goliath and a 'Mini Movie Morning' with popcorn and snacks were just two of the fun activities the children enjoyed.



At the start of the new term we began an eight week programme working through the story of the Exodus. We began with Moses' birth and his

rescue in the basket, through the wandering days in the desert, right through to the end of his ministry. As before, we explore these stories through story telling, activities and crafts. We also try to include a prayer activity or an activity which considers an application of the passage each week in order to encourage the children to think about how God's words mould our lives.







Singing is still very much a favourite among all of the children. One Sunday little Emma who is two came up to me (before the service had even started) and tugged on my jacket and said "sing songs now please"! A moment later she was standing in the hall beside the laptop eager to get going! And this was all before she had even made it through to the Sanctuary or taken her jacket off.

"I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving."



Psalm 69v30

Please continue to pray for the fun, caring and godly people who teach our children each week that they would know God's guidance, his blessing and even at times his patience!

Please continue to pray for our children that they will know Jesus personally as their friend and saviour and that they would continue to enjoy and grow in their time with the Church family each Sunday and in Park Kids.



"Keep my words in your hearts and ... teach them to your children"

Deuteronomy 11v18-19

Shoebox Appeal

Park Church first started taking part in the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal in Autumn 2002 when one of our younger members approached the minister. The Appeal has grown year on year and now Park Church regularly donates about 150 shoeboxes each year!



After sharing the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus said "Go and do likewise". That is the mission of Samaritan's Purse – to follow the example of Christ by helping those in need and proclaiming the hope of the Gospel.

Samaritan's Purse is an international relief and development organisation that works through local churches to proclaim and demonstrate the love of God amongst communities in Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia. It has been providing humanitarian relief and spiritual and physical aid to people since 1970. It works on projects such as providing water and sanitation and also provides aid for disasters and emergencies in war situations, famine and disease.

Bob Pierce founded and led the ministry of Samaritan's Purse in 1970. His impassioned prayer was

"Let my heart be broken with the things that break the Heart of God"

He led the ministry for many years, travelling throughout the world amongst the poor and needy. In 1973 he met a young student called Franklin Graham who had a heart for world mission and who went on to become his eventual successor when Pierce died of leukemia in 1978. Franklin accompanied Pierce on a life-changing tour of some of the world's neediest places in 1975 and was struck not just by the poverty he saw but by the despair of people who had not encountered God's love for themselves. He wanted to offer these people Hope, and his aim is now to not only offer physical help but to "share the love of the only one who can bring true peace—Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace".

Dr Billy Graham brought Samaritan's Purse to the UK in 1990 following his visit to Scotland. It quickly grew and soon had support amongst many churches and Christians across the country.

However, we probably know Samaritan's Purse best because of its **Operation Christmas Child** project which started out as a small charity in Wrexham before it merged with Samaritan's Purse in 1995. Many churches, schools and businesses take part in this project every year bringing a smile to the faces of countless children across the world who otherwise would never receive such gifts. So when we pack a shoebox and pray for the child we are gifting it to we are sharing the gospel and showing God's love in a tangible way. A small shoebox can have a big impact.

"What goes into the box is fun but what comes out is eternal."

So when we pack our shoeboxes this year we should remember how a child's life can be changed by this simple act.



How to pack a Shoebox

Whether it is our first time packing a shoe box or whether we are seasoned packers, this easy to follow guide should help us all come November when we receive our leaflets!

First of all we need a shoebox! Many of the local shoe shops are happy to give out empty boxes if you ask. The Church normally keeps a stock too for those who find it difficult to get out to the shops.

- 1. Once you have your medium sized shoebox, wrap the lid and the box separately with some colourful Christmas wrapping paper.
- 2. Attach the appropriate boy/girl label onto the lid of your shoebox and mark if your gift is for a boy or girl. Also select an age category: 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14.
- 3. Now for the fun part—fill your box with gifts! Examples of suitable gifts are (this list is by no means exhaustive!):
 - dolls or stuffed toys, finger puppets
 - toy trucks, cars
 - yo-yo, skipping rope, ball
 - musical instruments, puzzles, stickers
 - colouring pencils and books, self-inking stamps
 - crayons, felt pens, notepads, sharpeners
 - story books, solar calculator
 - toothbrush and toothpaste, wrapped soap
 - face cloth, comb, hairbrush
 - hat, cap, gloves, scarf
 - hair accessories, sunglasses, wind up torch, jewellery
 - sweets (not chocolate) with an expiry date of at least March 2017
 - a card and photo of yourself to make it more personal
 - 4. Include a £3 shipping donation for each shoebox you fill. If you make this payment online you can print a barcode and place it inside your shoebox. You will then be able to track which country your shoe box gets sent to later in the year.
 - 5. Secure your shoebox with an elastic band and bring it to church!







DO NOT INCLUDE

Used/damaged items, toy guns or knives or any military figures, liquids or bubbles, medicines, sharp or fragile items, anything of political or racial nature.



Tribute To Mark Sharp

It came as a great shock to many of us to learn of Mark's untimely death on 13 July 2016. Although we knew he hadn't been well for a while we did not expect this. Mark always had a smile for everyone and he took a great interest in every person he came across whether in Park, out walking his dog, while fishing and most of all at The Glasgow City Mission where he volunteered three times per week.



The church was packed for his funeral service on 23 July 2016 with people from our own congregation, friends and family from Blantyre but also a bus load of some of the people Mark worked with and cared for at the Mission where his loss will be keenly felt.

The following is an extract from a tribute that was read at the service:

Mark Sharp, an outstanding and much loved volunteer at Glasgow City Mission sadly and unexpectedly died last week. His impact at Glasgow City Mission is immeasurable.

"It's fundamentally important to be patient, gracious and understanding whenever we're working with people" says Grant Campbell, Chief Executive. "Mark took this to a new level."

A young man, called William, impacted by Mark's love and compassion wrote the following tribute.

My Best Friend Mark

Mark was my friend at the Mission but he was also like a big brother to me and I'm so thankful that I had him in my life. He was there for me in good times and bad times.

We had lots of fun together and I will never forget the times we had. He took me out on lots of day trips. We went to the pictures, we went to Pitlochry a few times. We went fishing. We went out with metal detectors. We only ever found bottle lids or old tent pegs. We never made our fortune because someone else always got there first.

One time when we went to Ayr it was raining so we decided to go swimming. We didn't have any swimming stuff with us so we went into a charity shop and bought some shorts. They were so hideous that Mark didn't want to take them home with him afterwards. I've still got them at home.

After my mum died we went away for the weekend and had time at the seashore and being outside doing things. One of the best things was grass sledging and Mark helped me get my sledge up the hill a few times because it was quite heavy. We had a lot of fun that day.

Mark was always there to help me or just to help me feel a bit better. Sometimes he made me laugh and sometimes he gave me a tough time but it was just because he cared. He would always think of others first. He meant so much to me. He was really special. He was the kindest man I've ever known. I will never forget you Mark, my friend.

Love, William

This touching tribute encapsulates the person Mark was—someone who had a deep love for God's people and who always put others before himself. It was a privilege to know him. Mark embodied these words from James 2 v 14 ff:

What use is it, my brethren, if a man says he has faith, but he has no works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," and yet does not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself.

Mark was taken from us far too soon but we know he is in heaven singing God's praises in his own inimitable way and we are sure God welcomed him with the words "Well done, Mark, my good and faithful servant".

Uddingston Pride Update

We were very pleased to welcome the Beautiful Scotland judges to Uddingston on Thursday 11 August and they were impressed with what they were shown. The whole village was looking at its best and the weather was reasonable on the day—at least it didn't rain!

The judges were taken on a tour of the village, calling in at the usual high spots such as the station, the library, the Cross and the Main Street as well as the Churches. This year we also had our new park to show them which was really the star of the show. The judges were most interested in how we managed to raise the funds and organise the refurbishment and they were impressed with the number of children enjoying themselves on the new equipment.

We were very hopeful that we would gain high marks this year and were looking forward to travelling to Aberdeen on 14 September to hear the result. We were not disappointed—we won the Urban Community category again and were presented with a Gold Certificate. There was a special mention for the Churches who decorate their gardens for the benefit of the whole





community. The chief judge gave us many suggestions as to how we could improve the village for next year.

A big THANK YOU to all those who have supported our efforts throughout the year!

You may have noticed that, since the initial opening of the "new" Crofthead Park back in May, a number of additional features have been installed—more ornamental seating and litter bins and some picnic tables. These additional items have been made possible due to a very competitive tender bid by the Contractor and donations from local businesses. We hope that the people of Uddingston will appreciate the park even more now that the work has been finally completed. It has been a major challenge to the group to have our local park refurbished, but we hope you will agree that it has been worth it in the end.





During the Autumn we will be planting 5000 crocus bulbs working alongside the local Rotary Club in their "*Purple4Polio*" campaign. We are planning to plant bulbs at Powburn, opposite the Gateway Sign, and will also be working with Uddingston Grammar School planting bulbs there and also at Crofthead Park. We hope all

Purple 4 Polio

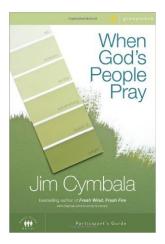
these bulbs will produce a welcome show of colour next Spring after the winter gloom.

Our Christmas Open Day will be held on **Sunday 4 December** this year, with all the usual entertainments, including bands, choirs and dancers, not forgetting a visit from Santa. Full details will be published nearer the time but put the date in your diary! We hope you will come to support this event which is always one of the highlights of winter in Uddingston!



When God's People Pray

For the last few years we have set aside one Sunday evening a month to follow a series comprising of watching a DVD and then sharing in discussion groups about what we have learned. This has been a tremendous encouragement for many of us and has strengthened the bonds of fellowship amongst us. This year is therefore no exception and Gordon and June Leiper will lead a series called When God's People Pray. Gordon tells us a little about it below.



When Fruitfulness on the Frontline finished last summer and ideas for a course for this winter were invited, we suggested this course on prayer. Friends of ours had used the materials in their church, and had lent us the book and DVD. We liked it, and thought it suitable to recommend.

Each evening will include DVD sessions, opportunities for group discussion and (most importantly) prayer. If you want to learn more about prayer and deepen your prayer life, we would encourage you to come along! The meetings are Sunday 16th October, Sunday 20th November and normally the third Sunday of January, February, March and May. All meetings start at 6.30 p.m.

The six sessions of the course are:

- God's Heart for Us
- The Amazing Power of Prayer
- Obedience in Prayer
- The Word of God and Prayer
- Why Prayer Matters
- Creating a Prayer Ministry in your Church

The material which we shall be following may be described as follows:

Prayer can change lives and circumstances like nothing else can. What are the keys that unlock its power, that turn prayer from a mere activity into a vital link with God and all his resources?

In When God's People Pray Jim Cymbala (pronounced SIM-bah-lah), pastor of the Brooklyn Tabernacle, New York, shows you and your small group truths about prayer that God has used to turn his own church from a tiny, struggling inner-city congregation into a vital, thriving community of believers who pray with passion, focus and faith.

By the time you read this, there will have been a showing of an introductory video by Jim Cymbala on 18 September. It is beneficial to have seen this before following the course, but not essential. It is a sermon entitled My House shall be called a House of Prayer. In it, Jim underlines the centrality of prayer in the church and in the lives of individual Christians. The worst epitaph someone could have, he says, is, "You have not because you ask not". Personal testimony from his own family life emphasises his message.

Nearly 30 of us gathered on the 18th and were moved by Jim's teaching. Our evening included a time of prayer. **How important it is to pray as well as to learn about prayer!**

It is a privilege for us to have been asked to lead this course and we hope that many of you will come and be blessed.

Jesus said, "My House will be called a House of Prayer." Matthew 21v13 Prayer is something we all struggle with from time to time; sometimes the words don't seem to come or we find our minds wandering or we think God isn't interested in what we're saying. **Elizabeth McDowall** shares a poem she has written on the subject below.



Prayer Poem

Prayer is

Sit still, clasp your hands, Shut your eyes tight Mind goes blank Distractions flow

Concentrate with all your might!

What should I say?
Where should I start?
Take deep breaths
Focus the mind
Still my beating heart

Prayer is....

Easy for others, hard for me I know I shouldn't compare Lost in worship Confident with words, They seem already there

Why not me? Why do I fear? I need help Getting to grips

With this thing called prayer

Prayer is....

Less about me, all about God His Spirit communing with mine

Heartfelt connection

Raw emotion

A meeting with the Divine

Why me, God? Why such grace? Wonder grows Increased desire

Driving me to seek your face

Prayer is....

A spiritual hug, a warm embrace A date with my Heavenly Dad

God's company His nearness

Lifting me when I am sad

My heart stirs
This isn't strange!
I want to thank
I want to ask

Partnering to bring heavenly change

Coming soon... Saturday 22 October!

Father's Song in their own words....

"We are a vocal band of over 30 men drawn from a number of different churches in and around Glasgow, and **FATHER'S SONG** provides a place for the public expression of our thankfulness and praise to God for His love, mercy and grace. We really do want to sing, to shout and to lift up our hands in praise to God!

Being men of faith means that we are convinced that, in today's tough world, sharing and expressing the truths of our faith is a powerful declaration of what God can do in a person's life. We celebrate the impact and change that the Christian gospel brings to the lives and priorities of ordinary men from the West of Scotland.

Today, we want to direct attention away from ourselves to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Everything we need is found in Him. He is the One!"



Park Ladies' Association

The Ladies' Association enjoyed a varied programme last session as well as sharing fellowship with other UF Ladies' Groups in the immediate area.

The ladies have been collecting toiletries to make up "Welcome Bags" for refugees over the last few months and completed 30 bags in total—15 for men and 15 for women. Any surplus supplies were donated to the Glasgow City Mission. They have also been knitting squares for the Freedom from Fistula Foundation, a group that helps women and young girls in four areas of the African continent. An estimated 2 million women in Africa suffer from obstetric fistula which is caused by prolonged, obstructed childbirth as a result of lack of access to maternity care. The ladies completed over 300 squares!

The theme of the meetings for the 2016-17 session is "Walk the walk and talk the talk for Jesus" and study notes have been prepared by Mrs Isabel Martin. A warm welcome is extended to all ladies in the fellowship to join us at our meetings.

SYLLABUS 2016-2017

6 October	Walk the Walk and Talk the Talk for Jesus Rev. Bruce McDowall
20 October	" A Talk" Mrs Sandra Roy
3 November	Karaoke Hymns Mr John Irvine
5 November	Coffee Morning 10 am—12 noon
1 December	Greenside Garden Centre Mr Sandy Owen
5 January	Life in the Ministry Rev Murdo Maclean
19 January	Night Out TBA
2 February	Windsor Castle Mr Bobby Keys
2 March	United Meeting—Guest Night "Singing Birdies"
16 March	AGM and Bring and Buy Sale

For further information please speak to Mrs Irene Cassels

Dates for the Diary



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Sunday 2 October

10.30am Communion Service **Commissioning Service with OMF for Martin and Jennifer Paterson at 7pm** Stonehouse UF Church

Sunday 16 October

6.30pm When God's People Pray—Learning and **Experiencing Prayer with new** confidence!

Saturday 22 October



Concert at 7.30pm in the Church No tickets required! Just come along and enjoy!

Sunday 30 October



6.30pm Film night With Fish Supper

Sunday 20 November



When God's People Pray

Sunday 4 December



10.30am Communion Service Village Christmas in the afternoon

Fellowship Groups

Re-Fresh Men at the Manse Women in the Word Younger Women in the Word **Whifflet Fellowship**

Open to God Prayer Time -**Community Prayer Time**



Wednesdays at 2.30 pm and 7.30 pm in the Church Hall Fortnightly on Thursday at 7.30 pm Fortnightly on Sunday at 8 pm at the Manse Fortnightly on Wednesday at 8 pm -Karen Stangoe's home Monthly on Monday at 7.30 pm at the Martin's home

Fortnightly on Saturday at 8 am 3rd Tuesday of month at 10.30 am



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